

A
DECLARATION
BY THE
KINGS MAJESTIE

Concerning

His Majesties going away from Hampton-Court: Written by His own hand, and left upon the Table in His Majesties Bed-Chamber. Dated at Hampton-Court, Novem. II. 1647.

Presented to the Parliament, by the Lord Mountague,
and read in both Houses of Parl: Friday Nov. 12. 1647.

WITH

His Majesties Propositions for satisfying of the Presbyterians and Independents, the Army, and all his Majesties Subjects of England and Scotland.

For the Speaker of the Lords pro tempore, to be communicated to the Lords and Commons in the Parliament of England, at Westminster, & the Commissioners of the Parliament of Scotland, and to all my other Subjects of what degree or calling whatsoever.

Charles REX.



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His Majesty King George VI

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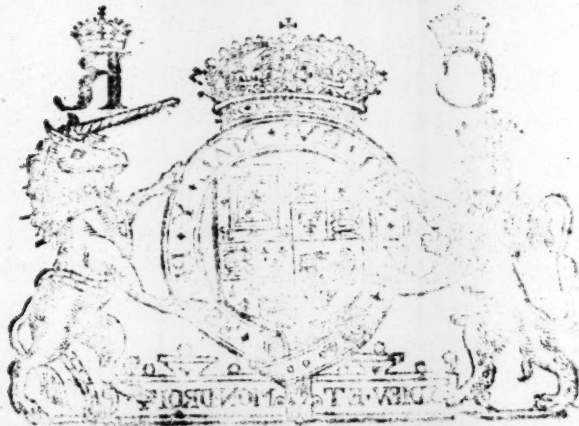
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Liberty being that which in all-times hath
been, but especially now, is the common
Theame, and desire of all men. Common
reason shewes that Kings lesse then any
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should indure captivity, and yet I call God
and the world to witnesse, with what pati-
ence I have indured a tedious restraint, which
so long as I had any hopes that this sort of
my sufferings might conduce to the Peace of
my Kingdome, or the hindering of more
effusion of blood; I did willingly undergoe:
But now finding by too certaine proofes, that
this my continued patience would not onely
turne to my personall ruine, but likewise be
of much more prejudice than furtherance to
the publique good :

I thought I was bound, as well by naturall
as politicall obligations to seek my safety;
by retiring my selfe for some time from the
publique view, both of my friends and ene-
mies. And I appeale to all indifferent men,
to judge if I have not just cause to free my
selfe from the hands of those who change
their principles with their condition; and
who are not ashamed openly to intend the
destruction of the Nobility, by taking away
their negative voice, and with whom the
levellers doctrine is rather countenanced then
punished.

And

And as for their intentions to my person, their changing and putting more strict guards upon me, with the discharging most of all those servants of mine, who formerly they willingly admitted to wait upon me, doth sufficiently declare : Nor would I have this my retirement mis-interpreted, for I shall earnestly and incessantly endeavour the settling of a safe and well-grounded peace, where ever I am, or shall be; And that (as much as may be) without the effusion of more Christian blood, for which how many times have I desired, prest to be heard, and yet no care given to me.

And can any reasonable men think that (according to the ordinary course of affaires) there can be a settled peace without it; or that God will blesse those who refuse to heare their owne King, surely not?

Nay I must further adde, That (besides what concerns my selfe) unlesse all other cheife interests have not only

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ly an hearing, but likewise just satisfaction given unto them, (to wit the Presbyterians, Independents, Army, those who have adhered to me, even the Scots) I say there cannot (I speak not of miracles, it being of my opinion, a sinful presumption, in such cases to expect or trust to them) be a safe or lasting peace

Now as I cannot deny but that my personall security is the urgent cause of this my retirement, so I take God to witnesse that the publique peace is no lesse before mine eyes ; And I can find no better way to expresse this my profession (I know not what a wiser man may doe) then by desiring and urging, that all cheife interests may be heard, to the end each may have just satisfaction, As for example ; The Army : for the rest (though necessary yet

yet I suppose are not difficult to content, ought (in my judgement) to enjoy the liberty of their Consciences have an Act of Oblivion, or Indempnity (which should extend to all the rest of my Subjects) And that all their arreares should be speedily and duly paid, which I will undertake to doe, till may be heard, And that I be not hindered from using such lawfull and honest meanes, as I shall choose.

To conclude, let me be heard with freedome, honour, and safety, and I shall (instantly) breake through this cloud of retirement, and shew my selfe really to be *Pater Patriæ*.

CHARLES REX.

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For the Speaker of the Lords, pro
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Lords

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*Dated at Hampton Court,
the 11. of Novem. 1647.*

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